

## AAUW National 2019 NCCWSL Scholarship Guidelines

AAUW looks forward to hosting the 34<sup>th</sup> national leadership conference for women in college, the National Conference for Collegiate Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) at the University of Maryland, College Park on May 29 to June 1, 2019.

### Important Dates

October 15, 2018: AAUW National Scholarship Application opens

February 15, 2019: National Scholarship Application closes

Monday, March 18, 2019: National Scholarship decisions are sent - full scholarships awarded, others waitlisted

Monday, March 25, 2019: Final National Scholarship decisions are sent - partial scholarships awarded

Monday, April 1, 2019: Signed contracts & endorsement forms due

Monday, April 15, 2019: Second Round National Scholarship decisions are sent - partial scholarships awarded

Monday, April 22, 2019: Signed contracts & endorsement forms due

Wednesday, May 29 - Saturday, June 1: NCCWSL Conference

### National Scholarships

The AAUW National Scholarship Application will open October 15, 2018, and close at 11:59 p.m. on February 15, 2019 (EST). Students must apply through AAUW's online application to be considered for a national scholarship. Students who apply for a national scholarship DO NOT fill out a separate registration. AAUW offers both full and partial national scholarships, awarded upon availability. Scholarships cover registration fees and included meals only; they do not cover or include travel or other additional expenses.

If a student receives a partial national scholarship and is in need of assistance for their remaining registration fees and/or travel expenses, they are allowed to make up the difference in cost from a local scholarship from an AAUW state, branch or member. Students who receive a full national scholarship are also allowed to accept local scholarships for travel expenses. Students are not allowed to accept a full national scholarship *and* a full local scholarship.

Full scholarships cover:

Regular residential or commuter registration (award amount of \$585 or \$405, respectively)

Scheduled meals

Partial scholarships cover:

50% of the regular registration fee (award amount of \$292.50 for residential or \$202.50 for commuter)

Scheduled meals

### Selection Process

Awardees are selected by the NCCWSL Scholarship Committee, comprised of members of AAUW's independent NCCWSL Steering Committee. The review committee evaluates each application according to our national scholarship criteria. Full scholarships are awarded first to the top candidates, and once acceptances are confirmed, partial scholarships are awarded to the next highest ranking individuals. The total amount of scholarships AAUW awards varies by year based depending on contributions to the NCCWSL Scholarship Fund.

Contributions to the NCCWSL Scholarship Fund support full and partial scholarships for students from across the U.S. AAUW national's NCCWSL Scholarship Committee is solely responsible for determining scholarship recipients. Branches that support NCCWSL through contributions to this Fund do not select recipients, nor do they decide how their funds are allocated. For example, if a branch donates in the amount of \$585, their funds could be used for one full scholarship or they could be used for two partial scholarships, depending on where funds are needed.

The NCCWSL Scholarship Committee reviews and selects applicants, with final oversight by the AAUW NCCWSL team. The AAUW advancement team then assigns the gift amount to an awardee located near the contributing branch, if possible. If there are no awardees in the donor's city or state, the advancement team will match those funds to an awardee in a nearby state/territory. National scholarship awardees are asked to write a thank you letter to the branch or member after attending the conference.

After decisions are sent out and awards are accepted, scholarship awardees will be registered by the AAUW NCCWSL team. If an applicant is not awarded a scholarship but would still like to attend, they will be able to register at our early-bird rate.

#### How to Donate to the National Scholarship Support Fund

If you are interested in donating to the NCCWSL Scholarship Support Fund please reach out to [nccwsl@aauw.org](mailto:nccwsl@aauw.org).

For questions regarding NCCWSL registration, AAUW National Scholarships, or help establishing a local scholarship, please reach out to the conference coordinators at [nccwsl@aauw.org](mailto:nccwsl@aauw.org).